

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A carbonaceous active material comprising:  
at least one crystalline graphite core; and  
an amorphous graphitizable carbon shell coating the outside of the crystalline graphite core  
wherein a differential thermal analysis conducted on the carbonaceous active material in 10°C  
increments per minute starting from room temperature and proceeding to 1000°C at atmospheric  
pressure results in the displaying of at least two exothermic peaks overlapping to form shoulders,  
and

~~wherein the carbonaceous active material is prepared by a process comprising:  
dissolving amorphous carbon in an organic solvent to produce a solution;  
mixing crystalline graphite particles with the solution;  
refluxing the mixture;  
filtering the mixture to obtain a powder; and  
heat treating the powder at approximately 1000°C to obtain the active material.~~

the amorphous graphitizable carbon shell coating is derived from an amorphous carbon  
precursor selected from the group consisting of pitch, coal based oil and heavy oil.

2. (Original) The carbonaceous material of claim 1 wherein the at least two exothermic  
peaks occur at a temperature of 500-1000°.

3. (Original) The carbonaceous material of claim 1 wherein the at least two exothermic  
peaks occur at a temperature of 500-900°C.

4. (Original) The carbonaceous material of claim 1 wherein a difference in temperature  
between the at least two exothermic peaks is less than 200°C.

5. (Original) The carbonaceous material of claim 1 wherein a peak intensity ratio of  
the active material is 1 or less.

6. (Original) The carbonaceous material of claim 1 wherein the active material  
includes at least one crystalline graphite primary particle coated with amorphous carbon, and the at

least one crystalline graphite primary particle coated with the amorphous carbon is agglomerated and made into a spherical shape to produce secondary particles.